

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, lines 30-36, with the following rewritten paragraph:

JP 2001/011018 ~~JP 2002/011018~~ describes the thermal treatment of cyclohexanol in the presence of water to remove peroxidic impurities. Subsequently, a cyclohexanol treated in this way is used for esterification or transesterification to cyclohexyl (meth)acrylates. A disadvantage of this process is that the alcohol contains water after the treatment. This has to be additionally removed in the course of the acid-catalyzed esterification. In the course of the transesterification, the catalysts used (for example titanium alkoxides) are destroyed by water.